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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed from the US Patent and Trademark Office on April 5, 2000 (Paper No. 10), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please cancel the original title "RECEPTOR AND NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING SAID RECEPTOR" and substitute in its place --HUMAN PYRIMIDINE RECEPTOR--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the specification prior to the first line, please insert - This is the U.S. National Phase under U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/BE96/00123, filed November 21, 1996.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

70. (Amended) An isolated receptor having <u>at least a two-fold</u> preference for pyrimidine nucleotides over purine nucleotides, wherein said receptor has an amino acid sequence having more than 60% homology with the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2, wherein in the presence of pyrimidine nucleotides, the receptor presents a functional response to lower concentrations of pyrimidine nucleotides than to purine nucleotides as well as an increased response to similar concentrations of pyrimidine nucleotides than to purine nucleotides.